

**What is claimed is:**

1. A card verification system comprising:  
a card in which a card identification code is registered;

a read unit which reads said card  
5 identification code from said card; and  
a verification apparatus which verifies said  
card only when an existing place of said read unit is  
within an area corresponding to said card  
identification code.

2. The card verification system according to  
claim 1, wherein said read unit has a read unit  
identification code, and notifies said read unit  
identification code to said verification apparatus,

5 and  
said verification apparatus has a table which  
shows a correspondence relation between said read unit  
identification code and said existing place, and  
searches and acquires said existing place  
10 corresponding to said notified read unit  
identification code from said table.

3. The card verification system according to  
claim 2, further comprising a mobile phone,  
said verification apparatus has another table  
which shows a correspondence relation between said

5 card identification code and said mobile phone, and  
said area is coincident with an area for one  
or more cells to which said mobile phone belongs.

4. The card verification system according to  
claim 3, further comprising a storage unit which  
stores data showing said area corresponding to said  
mobile phone, and

5 said verification apparatus acquires said  
area data from said storage unit.

5. The card verification system according to  
claim 4, wherein a user of said mobile phone deletes  
said area data from said storage unit by operating  
said mobile phone, and

5 said verification apparatus does not verify  
said card when said area data is not stored in said  
storage unit.

6. The card verification system according to  
claim 1, wherein said card is a credit card.

7. A card verification method using a card  
verification system which comprises a card that a card  
identification code is registered, a read unit which  
reads said card identification code from said card,  
5 and a verification apparatus which verifies said card

only when an existing place of said read unit  
belonging to corresponds to said card identification  
code, said method comprising the steps of:

- acquiring from said card, an existing place
- 10 of said read unit which read said card;
- acquiring said area from said recorder;
- determining whether or not said existing
- place is in said area;
- when said existing place does not belong to
- 15 said area, prohibiting settlement.

8. The card verification method according to  
claim 7, further comprising the steps of:

- deleting said recorded area; and
- when said area is not recorded in said
- 5 recorder, prohibiting the settlement.